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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Nineteenth

Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mulberry Church

WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 14, 15, 16,

1965

Next session convenes with Cross Roads Church, located on Hwy. 18, six miles north of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1966 at 10:00 a. m.

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROARING RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. The association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator of the Piney Grove Association. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Raleigh Joines.

2. The Association was called to order by song and prayer by Elder Jessie Collins from the Fisher River Association.

3. Read and received letter from Mulberry, Cross Roads, Woodruff, Pond Mountain Churches.

4. On motion we elect a Moderator and Clerk by private ballot.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder E. G. Lyle Moderator and John D. Hall Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith at this session.

8. On motion we call for correspondents who were to go to sister associations to report. They reported and those who failed to go were excused.

9. On motion the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session.

10. On motion we call for correspondents and visitors from our regular correspondents and seat them.

A. Fishers River: Correspondents, none. Visitors, Brother O. W. Sisk, Elder Jessie Collins and wife, Elder J. A. Marion and wife, Brother Curtis Harbour and wife, Elder R. L. Bond, Sisters Etta Dameron and Eula Bringer, Elder Willie Branch and wife, Sister Hadle Nelson.

B. St. Clair Bottom: Correspondents, Brothers A. J. Arrington, W. B. Johnson, Delmar Heath, and Quentin P. Dancy. Visitors: Brother Billie Cook, Sisters W. B. Johnson, Mary Jane Puckett and Ella Osborne and Elder M. K. Cook.

C. Washington: Correspondents, Elder Henry Viers and Elder Raleigh Compton. Visitors, Elder Franklin Viers and Brother Grady Sikes.

D. Piney Grove: Correspondents, Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Walter Hodge and Brother S. O. Shelton. Visitors, none.

11. Called for volunteers to go to sister associations. The following responded and were appointed to go.

A. Fisher River: Deacon W. C. Hall, Deacon Carl Francis, Elder Raleigh Joines and Elder E. G. Lyle.

B. St. Clair Bottom: To be held with the Church at Hopkins View six and one half miles south of Marion, Va. near Thomas Bridge. Elder Raleigh Joines, Elder E. G. Lyle, Deacon Carl Francis and Deacon W. C. Hall.

C. Washington: To be held with the Church at Mill Creek two and one half miles west of Raven, Va. Deacon Carl Francis, Deacon W. C. Hall, Elder E. G. Lyle and Elder Raleigh Joines.

D. Piney Grove: To be held with Fair View Church near Oak Ridge College on N. C. Hwy. 68. Deacon Carl Francis, Deacon W. C. Hall, Elder Raleigh Joines and Elder E. G. Lyle.

12. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church. Deacons W.C. Hall, Jim Richardson, Carl Francis and F. G. Weaver.

13. Appointed a Committee on Finance: Brother Jacob Hartzog, Brother Hort Brooks, Sister Thelma Hall and Sister Ruby Francis.

14. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements: Sister Nettie Brown, Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacon Edd Barker, together with Moderator and Clerk.

15. On motion that we refer the trouble at Mulberry Church to the Committee on Arrangements.

16. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported for Friday afternoon.

17. On motion we read the minutes.

18. On motion we adjourn untol 9:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder Willie Branch.

SATURDAY MORNING—May 15, 1965

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Song and prayer by Elder Coy Sikes from the Fisher River Association.

1. Called the roll and marked those absent.

2. On motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they recommend the following:

A. To print the obituary of Sister Lillie Estep from Zion Church in this minute.

B. To print the obituary of Sister Laura Jane Cox Davis from Pond Mountain Church in this minute.

C. That the next association to go to Cross Roads Church.

D. To appoint John D. Hall Treasurer and to supervise the printing of the Minutes and have 400 copies printed and distributed.

E. That the association give Mulberry Church one year to set there house in order and that she recall the letter granted during this trouble.

F. That we send minutes to Mates Creek Association.

3. On motion we receive the report of the Committee on Arrangements and dismiss them.

4. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported the following:

Received from churches	$115.00	
Balance due Treasurer from last year	$ 3.00	$112.00
Allowed the Moderator	$10.00	
Allowed the Clerk	10.00	
Allowed the visiting Elders	32.00	
Left in hand of Treasurer	60.00	$112.00

5. Called for correspondents and visitors who were not here yesterday:

A. Fisher River: Correspondents, Elder D. E. Wood and Elder Coy Sikes. Visitors: Elder Elbert Hunter, Elder Bell Tucker, Brother Glenn Hunter and wife.

B. St. Clair Bottom: Correspondents, Brother Clyde Johnson and Elder Eugene Blivens. Visitors: Sister Eugene Blivens, Sister Vena Dancy and Brother Jim Nunn and wife.

C. Washington: Correspondent, Elder Hall Hankins.

D. Piney Grove: Correspondent, Brother Roy Hall. Visitors: Sister Roy Hall and Brother Glenn Cox.

6. On motion we receive the reports of the Preaching Committee and Finance Committee and dismiss them.

7. On motion we stand by the ancient landmarks set up by Christ and the apostles and the old Articles of Faith for the Roaring River Association as carried in our minutes continuously.

8. On motion the Clerk report and read the minutes.

9. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

10. On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder Hall Hankins.

ELDER E. G. LYLE, Moderator
JOHN D. HALL, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon:	
	Elder J. A. Marion
	Elder Joel Simmons
	Elder Willie Branch
Friday Night:	
	Elder Franklin Viers
	Elder R. L. Bonds
	Elder Raleigh Compton
Saturday:	Elder Coy Sikes, introduced service
	Elder Elbert Hunter
	Elder Coy Sikes
	Elder D. E. Wood
	Elder Hall Hankins
	Elder Bell Tucker
	Elder M. K. Cook
Sunday:	Elder Hall Hankins, introduced service
	Elder R. L. Bonds
	Elder Jessie Collins
	Elder F. O. Sanders
	Elder M. K. Cook

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Mulberry—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Woodruff—Elders Raleigh Joines and E. G. Lyle.
Cross Roads—Elders Raleigh Joines and E. G. Lyle.
Pond Mountain—Elder E. G. Lyle.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Raleigh Joines, R. F. D. 4, Sparta, N. C.
Elder E. G. Lyle, Lansing, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

	No. of Minutes
Mulberry—W. C. Hall, Box 51, McGrady, N. C.	40
Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.	30
Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	25
Pond Mountain—Mrs. Dessie Hartzog, Star Rt. 2, Feetwood, N. C.	40

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Fisher's River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	40
St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin. P. Dancy, Star Route, Chilhowie, Va.	20
Washington—Carlus Jackson, Mavisdale, Va.	40
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25
Mates Creek—Wm. R. Blackburn, c/o Fonso Justice, Sidney, Ky	25

OBITUARIES

LAURA JANE COX DAVIS

Laura Jane Cox Davis was born October 24, 1884, departed this life January 21, 1965 at the age of 80 years, two months and 28 days.

She was married to C. N. Davis, September 17, 1902. To this union the following children were born: Ray, Bill and Paul Davis, deceased. Joe Davis, Laurel Springs, N. C., Woodrow Davis, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Mrs. Nora Hurley, West Jefferson, Mrs. Geneva Absher, West Jefferson, Mrs. Dillie Miller, Warrensville, N. C., Mrs. Marie Littlewood, Sarasota, Fla. and Mrs. Ruth Little, Lansing, N. C. Also surviving, one brother, Jess Cox; three sisters, Lena Stansberry, Lura Miller and Danford Osborne, 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Pond Mountain the 7th of December, 1908. Here she lived her life deep seated in the Christian faith.

In the church she leaves behind a good report, that will follow with those that love the truth and th doctrine of grace, till Jesus comes again.

For we read that if this earthly tabernacle of this house were dissolved we have a building eternally in the heavens not built with hands.

We feel the church has lost one of her ablest members, the children have lost a great and good mother and her friends and neighbors one that cannot be replaced in this life.

So now she will sleep beside her companion till Jesus comes and the blood bought family of God will go home to glory ever more to be satisfied in one world that has no end.

—Written by Eddie Glen Lyle

LILLIE MATILDA BROOKS ESTEP

Lillie Matilda Brooks Estep, daughter of John and Delia Brooks was born November 26, 1899, departed this life December 5, 1964, making her stay on earth 65 years and 9 days.

She was married to Cary Estep on September 15, 1916. Unto this union were born five daughters: Mrs. Elsie Collins, Sparta, N. C., Mrs. Viola Church, Laurel Springs, N. C., Mrs. Velma Vaughn, Paoli, Penn., Mrs. Thelma Dills, Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. Agnes Joines, Sparta, N. C.; three sons, Woodrow, Sparta, N. C., James, Chillicothe, Ohio, Alvin, Riverside, California. She is also survived by her mother of Sparta, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Brooks, Glade Valley, N. C., Mrs. Etta Calloway, Sparta, N. C., Mrs. Magie Holloway, Front Royal, Va.; two brothers, Curtis and Walter of Sparta, N. C., and twenty-three grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She professed a living hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Woodruff in the year 1950, later moved her merbership to the Church at Zion of the same faith, where she remained a true and faithful member until death.

She had been very sick for several months and death was not unexpected. She bore her suffering very patiently and was as hopeful as anyone could be. By the passing of this dear companion and mother, the husband, children, church and community has sustained a great loss. But the loss is her eternal gain.

She was a devoted companion and loving mother and a loyal neighbor. Always eager to lend a helping hand.

For 65 years through toil and tears,
She weathered the earthly storm.
She did not shrink any honest work,
Despite her aching form.
We should not grieve when dear ones leave,
But Nature ties are strong.
We miss her face in the old homeplace,
And home seems all wrong.
Mother is sleeping so quiet and still,
And will awake at the Redeemers will,
To soar aloft to heavenly skies,
Away from a land of death and sighs.

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that

purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delgates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James Version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus sanctified and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the Spirit of God,

shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righeous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other appellation but "brother" during the sitting of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union. Received by the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Cross Roads	Deacon Carl Francis, Sisters Nettie Brown, Ruby Francis	June	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	5	$30.00
Mulberry	Deacon W. C. Hall, Bro. John D. Hall, Sister Grace Hall	July	1	....	....	....	....	3	....	1	10	20.00
Woodruff	Dea. Jim Richardson, Eld. Raleigh Joines, Bro. John Choate	Aug.	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	17	27.00
Pond Mountain	Deacons F. G. Weaver, Ed Barker, Bro. Jaocb Hartzog	Aug.	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	27	38.00
	Totals			1	....	....	1	3	1	2	59	$115.00